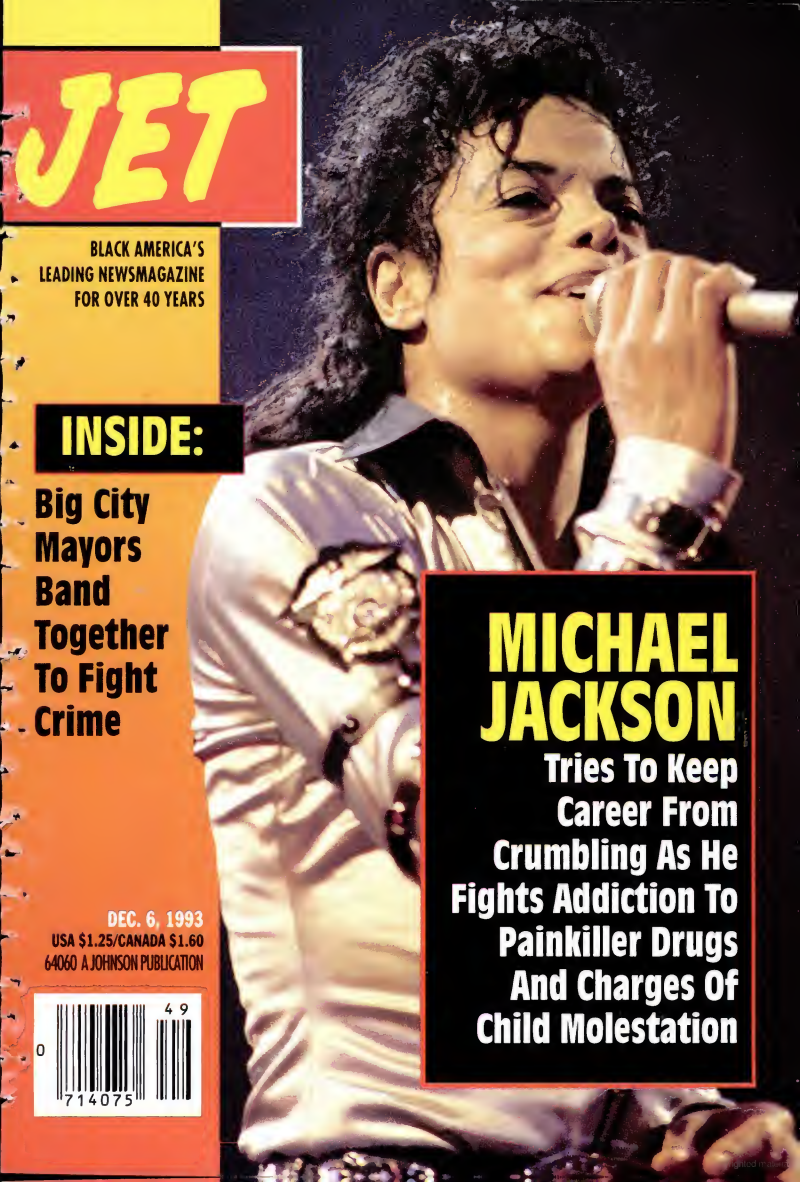

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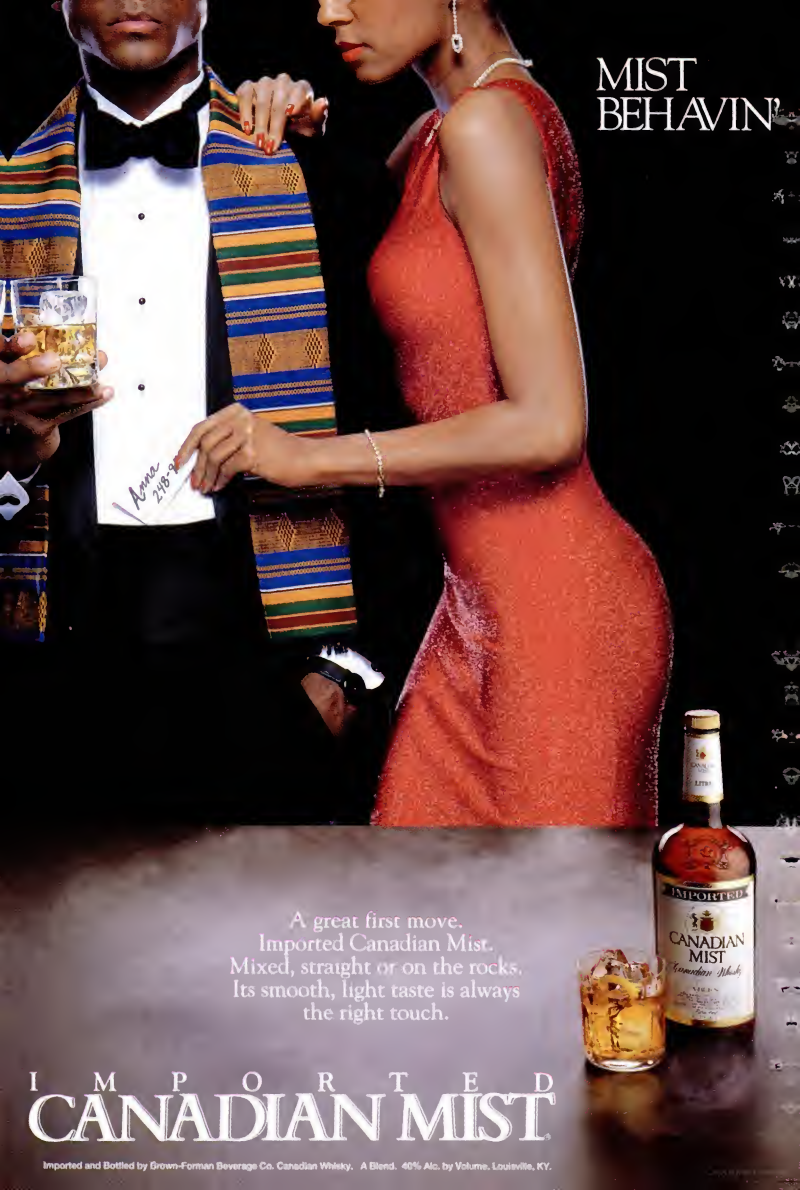
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Big City Mayors Band Together To Fight Crime

Maintaining that crime should top the domestic agenda and be given political priority equivalent to that of health care reform or NAFTA, mayors and police chiefs from 30 major U.S. cities met in Chicago recently and banded together to combat violent crime.

Hosted by Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, the emergency meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors united the chief executives of some of the nation's largest cities.

Outraged at the rampant shootings and senseless killings plaguing America's streets, the mayors joined in support of a federal ban on assault weapons, as well as a five-day waiting period for anyone wanting to purchase a firearm.

"Nobody's getting killed in drive-by knifings; nobody's getting killed in drive-by rock throwings. They're getting killed in drive-by shootings," Denver Mayor Wellington Webb declared in demanding passage of anti-crime legislation pending in Congress.

Newark Mayor Sharpe James added: "We as African-American leaders have to stand up and face these issues. There are too many guns in the streets, and the people carrying the guns are better armed than our police. We have to find a way to

Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago, host mayor of the U.S. Conference of Mayors emergency meeting, addresses the news media during the recent gathering of chief executives. The big city mayors brainstormed to find effective ways to curb the rash of violence in the U.S.

remove the weapons from the hands of criminals," James said. The mayors were joined in that urgent call by other Black mayors attending, including: Sharon Pratt Kelly of Washington D.C.; Michael White of Cleveland; Sidney Barthelemy of New Orleans and Emanuel Cleaver of Kansas City, MO.

They vowed to make the Brady Bill a top priority for passage and backed another bill that would make available funds to hire a number of additional police officers to safeguard the nation's crime-ridden streets.

DC Mayor Kelly, who recently requested to have the National Guard

Washington, DC Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly pushed for a total ban on the manufacture and sale of all assault weapons in the U. S.

Denver Mayor Wellington Webb front (l) is backed by fellow mayors (l-r) Sidney Barthelemy of New Orleans, Richard Clay Dixon of Dayton, OH, Sharpe James of Newark , NJ, and Jerry Abramson of Louisville, KY, in his call for an end to crime in their cities.

help police the nation's capital, (JET, Nov. 15), said a ban on the sale and manufacture of assault weapons won't totally eliminate the destructive arsenals, but is worth pursuing.

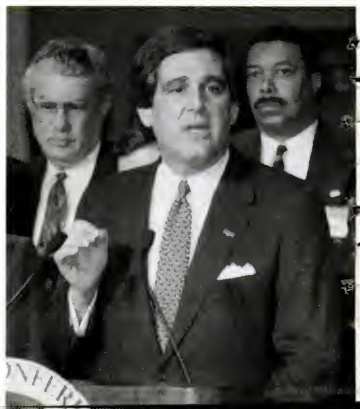
"We know that folks involved in drive-by shootings didn't go to the convenience store (to purchase their guns), but if you ban all assault weapons...then we have a basis of taking those folks off the street," she said.

Other recommendations made at the meeting included:

Expanding drug control efforts. The mayors noted that drugs account for approximately 70 percent of crimes.

Addressing the root causes of crime and violence. The leaders agreed that a jobs program should be established to attack the problems of unemployment in the nation's cities.

Strengthing the criminal justice system to stop the revolving door . In a letter delivered at the meeting, President Clinton said: "I remain as committed as ever to stopping violent crime and protecting our citizens, and I look forward to meeting with you at the White House to discuss these issues."



U.S. Conference of Mayors President Jerry Abramson addresses press at meeting.

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Coretta Scott King asks Americans to dedicate lives to helping in their communities to celebrate King Day in January.

MLK Widow Urges U.S. To Observe King Day By Solving Problems

Anticipating the 10th anniversary of Martin Luther King Day, the widow of the civil rights legend is asking Americans to "celebrate the dream and observe the holiday by offering their hearts and their hands" to make a difference.

Coretta Scott King urged Americans to "move beyond just another day to shop and play," during a news briefing recently at the United Nations in New York. Instead, she said, "We want the King holiday to become a time for every American to make a contribution to alleviate homelessness...fight drugs and crime and violence in whatever form."

The holiday, which is celebrated in 100 nations, will be observed next year on the third Monday in January on the 18th of the month. King was born Jan. 15, 1929 in Atlanta.

White Official Refuses To Resign After Slurring Black State Controller

Carl McCall

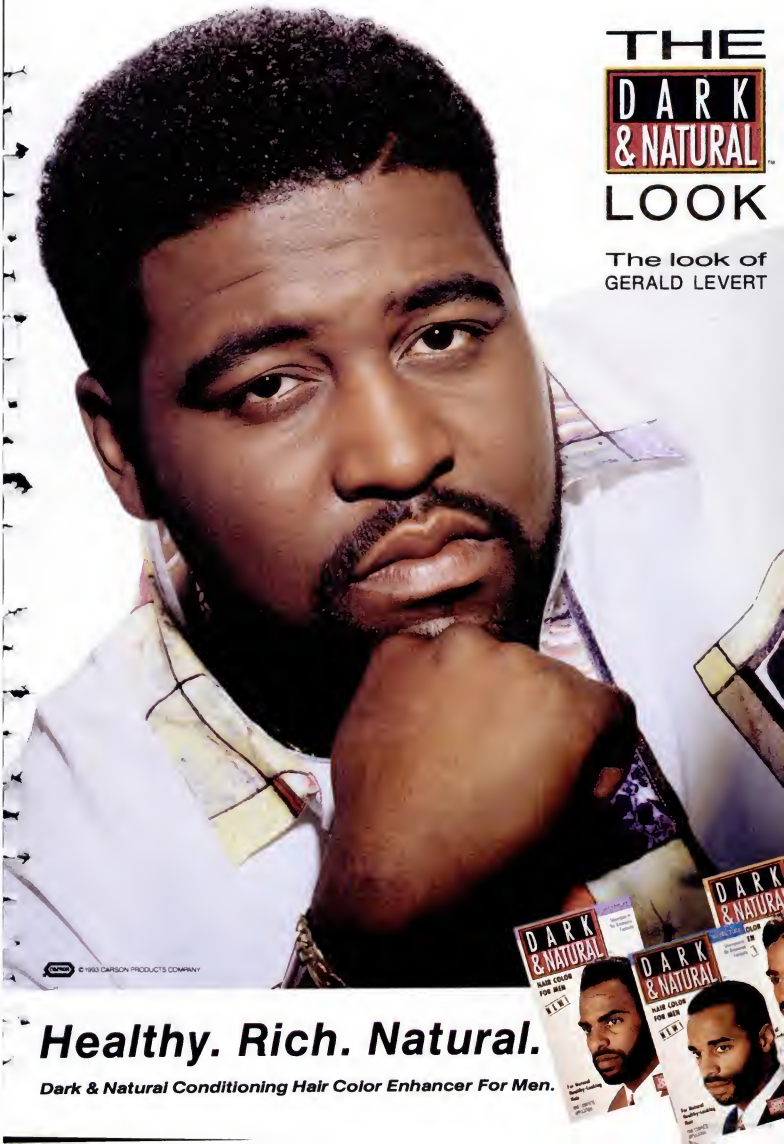
Despite public outcries, White upstate New York public official, Joseph Kover refuses to resign, maintaining he did nothing wrong when he called state Controller Carl McCall a "nigger from Harlem."

Kover, a town councilman in Deerpark, NY, used the racial slur, then repeated it at an Oct. 20 Town Board meeting, according to The Middletown Times Herald-Record.

"I didn't do anything wrong," Kover said, insisting the statement was not offensive.

McCall, the first Black to occupy the controller's office in New York, was outraged by the incident.

"This is not a political issue—this is a people issue. Hate language in any shape or form should be denounced regardless of political affiliation," McCall exclaimed.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TICKER TAPE

Confidential: Togged in her new uniform, U.S. Surgeon-General **Joycelyn Elders** is all set to make her Washington news media debut at a December 7th luncheon of the National Press Club. Club officials expect a sell out promotion like that accomplished by Gen. **Colin L. Powell**, the outgoing military chief of staff....Artisans already have placed the name of **Thurgood Marshall** on the huge new federal courthouse next to Union Station, one of the most traveled sections in the nation's capital. Recently Ohio federal judge **Nathaniel Jones**, a former NAACP lawyer, was among the VIPs at a Supreme Court memorial service when a portrait of the first Black high court judge was unveiled. Attorney Gen. **Janet Reno** and Solicitor Gen. **Drew Days** spoke. The building will be dedicated in a few months....North Carolina's St. Augustine College received little credit when the institution's oldest living alumni, the Delany Sisters, **Bessie** and **Sadie,** of New York suddenly won notoriety in the national media. Their father, **Henry Beard** , the first Black bishop of the Episcopal Church, reared the above 100-year-old pair on the campus of the denominational school in Raleigh....Reelected with his biggest margin, Cleveland Municipal Court Judge **Carl Stokes** was forced to run radio commercials to offset the Plain Dealer newspaper's campaign to defeat him. His brother Rep. **Louis Stokes** is the only Black American to have served in all three divisions of government....Quitting a 20-year Los Angeles medical practice last year, Dr. **Ewart Brown** moved to Bermuda where he started a family practice and began publishing a weekly newspaper. Recently, he was elected to the island parliament as a member of a newly formed political party which fell four votes short of ousting the ruling party.

National Headliners

The first Black ever nominated as chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, Stanford law professor **William Gould**, is having difficulty being confirmed to that prestigious post by the U.S. Senate....Lawyer **Togo West**'s nomination as Army secretary reached Capitol Hill...Far from the limelight, Ex-GOP Deputy Senate Sergeant At Arms **Trudi Michelle Morrison**, babysits with her year-old son **Logan** at their Annapolis, MD, home....

Drew Days

Celebrating its 175th anniversary is New Haven's Varick Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, pastured by Rev. **Lester McCorn**, Conn. Rep. **Rosa DeLauro** told the House....Richmond, VA, cleric **Dwight C. Jones** celebrated his 20th year at First Baptist Church by being elected to the state's House of Delegates.

Trudi Morrison

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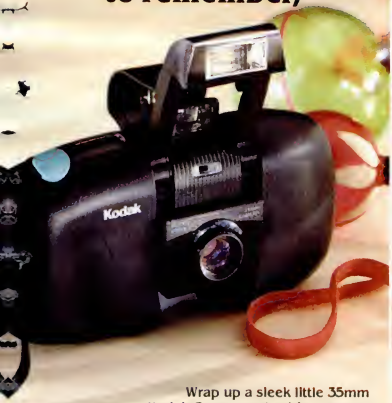

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Marjorie Vincent, Former Miss America, Named TV Anchor In Meridian, MS.

Marjorie Vincent

Former Miss America, Marjorie Judith Vincent, has been named anchor/reporter for WGBC-TV, an NBC affiliate station in Meridian, MS., near Jackson.

Ms. Vincent, 28, will co-anchor the station's noon newscast and also host a community events segment as well as cover various general assignment stories as a reporter for other segments of the station's newscasts.

A classically-trained pianist from Oak Park, IL., Ms. Vincent majored in music at DePaul University in Chicago and graduated in 1988. She will receive her law degree from Duke University in Durham, NC., in the spring of 1994.

Ms. Vincent became Miss America 1991 after performing a tune by Chopin. She was the fourth Black woman named Miss America.

▼ **HAMMER LUCK:** As soon as recording artist Hammer became world heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield's promoter, good things began to happen to them both. Hammer (l), holding one of two championship belts that Holyfield regained from Riddick Bowe during the recent championship bout at Caesars Palace, also had a streak of good luck at the craps table at the Las Vegas resort. Hammer rang up $168,000 in winnings. Holyfield (r), in addition to retaining the boxing crown, recently became engaged to fiancee Nancy, who congratulates him with a kiss after his historic victory.

▼ **Welcoming Committee:** Entertainer LaToya Jackson is greeted by a throng of South African school children when she recently arrived in Cape Town. She joined in with a choir from the Observatory Primary School who greeted her as she arrived to kick off a three-week concert tour in the country.

Baby Dies As Mother Leaps From TLC Member's Car

A 10-month-old boy died when he and his mother fell from a runaway car that had just been parked by singer-rap artist Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes of the hit recording group TLC.

The baby, Jose Manvanet, and his mother, Tangie Foreman, were passengers in the car driven by Ms. Lopes in Decatur Ga.

The singer had parked the car and left it just before the accident.

Ms. Foreman was still in the front passenger seat when she turned to attend to her son in the rear. She accidentally knocked the car out of gear, and it began rolling down a hill, police said.

Lisa Lopes

When Ms. Foreman leaped out of the car with her son, they fell, police said. The baby died at Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital.

Black Police Officer Found Hanged In San Diego

Sheriff's deputies in San Diego are investigating the death of a 30-year-old police officer who was found hanging from a weight machine in his condominium.

Very little has been released about the death of officer Garrett Loring Roberts, who had been on the police force there for four years.

Newspaper reports indicate that Roberts was found with a gag in his mouth and his hands tied behind his back. Neither police or sheriff's officials would confirm or deny the reports. "We have two choices: Either he died at his own hands or the hands of someone else," said Lt. Michael Peltier, with the San Diego sheriff's department. "We're not releasing any information until we're certain that we've done a full and thorough investigation."

Brother Admits To Murder, Wants To Finish Younger Brother's Prison Sentence

Kevin Brinkley of Philadelphia has spent 16 years in prison for a murder his younger brother now has admitted that he did.

Ronald Brinkley says he wants to take his brother, Kevin's place behind bars. The family's new lawyer says he can prove the wrong man was jailed.

"I love my brother," Kevin Brinkley said from his cell in the state prison at Mahanoy City, PA. "My brother he committed the crime, but he didn't put me in here. When he found out they arrested me, he came forward and told them. It took a lot of courage and strength for him to do that,"Kevin added. "He's tired of having to go through his life knowing why I'm in here."

A week after the shooting, Kevin, then 15, was arrested. According to the Brinkley family, Kevin told his mother that Ronald, then 14, was the killer.

Mrs. Brinkley says she got Ronald to confess this to police. But the alleged confession was not presented at Kevin's trial and Ronald's lawyer advised him not to testify.

Brinkley's subsequent appeals were rejected. But the Brinkleys' new lawyer, Alan Yatvin, has recently filed another appeal.

Kevin was sentenced in the murder of a delivery man, Charles Hagg.

▶ *Ramona Brinkley-Williams holds a picture of her brother, Kevin Brinkley. Kevin's brother, Ronald Brinkley, killed a man in 1977 but Kevin went to prison for the crime. Now, Ronald wants to take his place.*

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Clinton Fails To Woo Black Caucus Support For NAFTA

Members of the 38-member voting Congressional Black Caucus refused to budge under heavy last-minute presidential pressure to support the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Although President Clinton won with a 234-200 House vote, he wooed only eight CBC members to abandon the caucus position that the free trade policy would cost jobs for thousands of Black workers because of the import competition.

The few caucus members to support President Clinton in the closing hours of the lobbying, for what the news media described as "a battle to save the Clinton reputation," were Reps. Floyd Flake of New York, Harold Ford of Tennessee, Alcee Hastings and Carrie Meek of Florida, William Jefferson of Louisiana, Eddie B. Johnson of Texas, Mel Reynolds of Illinois, and Gary Franks of Connecticut.

In a strong statement, the caucus contended that "the minority business community had never been fully consulted or considered" in the trade or investment programs. Concentrating more on aiding Mexico, NAFTA, according to the caucus, could result in a significant diversion of trade from Black Caribbean nations.

Said one caucus member, "This was simply the case of Black lawmakers unwilling to sell out Black workers' rights. We still have the courage of our convictions."

Mississippi College Elects First Black Homecoming Queen

Donetta McCullum is escorted by fellow student Heath Hillman to homecoming gala.

Donetta McCullum recently became the first Black homecoming queen at Mississippi College.

Ms. McCullum, 21, who won the title in a runoff election on the 3,500-student campus at the majority White, Baptist college in Clinton,MS, credits Black and White friends for the victory.

"I had entered the race before, but I knew I had the power to do it this year," said the biology pre-med student from Laurel, Miss. She also said being involved in more social activities had helped attract more votes.

"I'm very honored and I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to be queen," she said after being crowned during ceremonies at halftime at the Mississippi College-West Georgia College football game.

"I am also very glad that I will be returning next year as an alumna to crown the new queen."

Ms. McCullum's road to success had a few bumps. The first election was canceled because the ballot did

1993 Homecoming Queen Donetta McCullum is joined by her court from (l-r): Junior Maid Anna Greening, Maid of Honor Kathryn Omarkhail, Senior Maid Cathie Prestridge, Sophomore Maid Melanie Barham and Freshman Heidi Cheatham.

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not list all of the homecoming candidates and the second election was halted when the school ran out of ballots. She was declared the winner over 12 others in a third election.

The new homecoming queen is vice president of the Black Student Association Plus, a member of the Mississippi College's Gospel Choir and a member of the college newspaper.

Arthur Thomas To Oversee New $2.25 Million Programs At Central State University

Arthur Thomas

Under the leadership of Dr. Arthur E. Thomas, Central State University will receive $2.25 million in grant money to start five new technologically advanced academic programs that will benefit the university as well as the nation.

Thomas, who is president of the university, has worked tirelessly to develop proposals for the projects and secure their funds.

The programs are: * Project Focus Hope, whereby the school will assist the federal government in putting technology to commercial use. CSU will develop new teaching modules to replace traditional classroom courses with hands-on learning.

* The Mentor/Protege Program, in which the school will work with local companies in exploring new manufacturing engineering initiatives.

● The Center For African Studies, which will increase the awareness of Africa, its people, cultures and economics.

● Optimum Gear Design, whereby CSU will lead a study to investigate an innovative approach to design lighter, longer-lasting gears. The U.S. Army Reasearch Office has started a one-year agreement to provide the school with $135,000 to complete the research.

● Scientific Visualization, in which $340,722 from the Dept. of Army and the National Science Foundation, will allow CSU to establish a center to provide innovative science, mathematics and manufacturing engineering research through the use of state-of-the-art computer simulation and visualization.

DALLAS' AFRICAN ART MUSEUM: Harry Robinson, director of the Museum of African-American Life and Culture, poses with one of the exhibits in the new $6-million edifice which opened in that city after 20 years of planning.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

MAN'S BEST FRIEND:
Police in South Carolina are looking for an armed robber and his accomplice: a gray guard dog with black spots. Police said a man held up a shoe store while the dog guarded the door by barking at people as they tried to enter the store. The amount stolen was not disclosed.

SLIPPIN' AND SLIDIN':
A man chased by police in Rochester, NY, leaped off a 110-foot bridge and swam ashore unharmed, only to be caught after he slipped in the mud. Jose Severino, 20, was being sought on a grand larceny charge when he jumped, swam to mud flats and then slipped. He was then tackled by an officer.

EYE WITNESS VIDEO:
A secretary who found a video camera fastened under her desk in California has filed a sexual harassment claim with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The law firm where the woman worked admitted that one of its lawyers confessed to planting the video camera and was fired.

CHARACTER CARDS:
Forget the standard A's and B's, new report cards being used in Houston grade students by using such terms as "independent," "connecting," and "developing." But some parents prefer the old traditional method. The cards are meant to give parents a better idea of how their child is developing socially, emotionally, academically and physically.

SOCKING IT TO HER:
A policewoman speaking to a group of children in a Baltimore school was recently assaulted by an 8-year-old. The child, who caused problems throughout the officer's talk, was eventually taken to the principal's office by the cop. While there the boy punched her. He was charged with assault and released to his parents.

FROSTBITTEN BEHINDS:
Six high school students in Oregon suffered severe burns on their buttocks while sitting on blocks of dry ice for a pep assembly stunt. The girls were attempting to see who could sit on the ice the longest. Afterward, four of them were treated at a local hospital.

LIFE SAVING DEVICE:
A desperate attempt by a woman to revive her husband by massaging his chest with a toilet plunger may yield new first aid for heart attack victims. A suction device inspired by the toilet plunger appears to work twice as well as standard cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in reviving cardiac arrest patients.

PEOPLE

Dwight L. Johnson, vice president for finance and business affairs/treasurer at Central State University., Wilberforce, Ohio, is the new president of the Ohio Association of College and University Business Officers.

Brenda Welburn, interim executive director of the National Association of State Boards of Education in Alexandria, VA, since August, was unanimously elected director recently by the organization's board of directors.

Stephen P. Smith, former executive assistant for budget and legislation, Michigan Dept. of Management, is now director of research, South Carolina Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources in Orangeburg.

Michael A. Johnson, manager of the Baltimore branch office of Amwest Surety Insurance Company based in Woodland Hills, CA, has been promoted to the newly created post of national coordinator of minority programs.

Marc O'Ferrall, previously the corporate and incentive sales manager for the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, has taken on the position of national sales manager for Doral Ocean Beach Resort in the city.

Robert O'Meally, author/editor who is also a tenured professor in the Dept. of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University in New York, has been named the Zora Neale Hurston Professor there.

Sylvester Roy, who most recently served as director of personnel, housing and food services at Pennsylvania State Univ., has been named manager of diversity programs for Marriott Corporation, Bethesda, MD.

Lawrence Bembry, director of resources program and assessment at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Forest Service, has been named to head the Bureau of Land Management's Service Center in Lakewood, CO.

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New Jersey Woman Has Third Set Of Twins

▲ *The Lightfoots are just one big, happy family (l-r) Christina, 17, Angel, 4, Mrs. Lightfoot, Skekinah Glory, one-month-old, Mr. Lightfoot, Precious Diamond, one-month-old, Crystal, 17, Ashley,4, and Brandy, 11.*

▼ *Pete and Iona Lightfoot spend as much time as possible with all seven of their children, including their new arrivals –twins Precious Diamond and Skekinah Glory.*

Even before the nurse told her, Iona Lightfoot knew.

"I had a deep intuition," she says. Not to mention considerable prior experience.

This 35-year-old pregnant mother already had two sets of twins. Still, when the nurse told her that, in four months, she was going to have another set, she thought — actually hoped and prayed — the nurse was just joking.

But she wasn't.

"It was astonishing. I just couldn't believe it," says the New Jersey mother of seven, who delivered her third set of twins in early October.

Although she has never taken fertility drugs, she and her husband Pete had been told after the birth of her second set of twins four years ago

▲ *As infants, four-year-old twins Angel and Ashley were the pride and joy of their twin sisters, 17-year-old Christina and Crystal, relates their mother. "They were inseparable," she says.*

that she could very well have another multiple pregnancy.

"I believe that the way they keep coming in pairs–first one set, then two, now three–that they must have a divine purpose," suggests Mrs. Lightfoot.

Indeed, having just one set of twins is an out of the ordinary event. But to have three sets in the same household is remarkable, to say the least.

"Certainly, three different sets of twins would not be common," says Morehouse School of Medicine Obstetrics and Gynecology Department Chair Dr. Nelson McGhee. "That's a rarity."

Their uniqueness is not limited to their number. All three sets are fraternal and female. And that has caused the pairs to get their share of stares.

"Sometimes it can be aggravating," related Mrs. Lightfoot, "because with my oldest girls I can see where it has caused somewhat of a problem."

Problems that can be painful to her daughters. "People constantly compare them," says Mrs. Lightfoot "and they have done that from the time they were small."

"Yeah," confirms 17-year-old Christina who, pointing to her twin sister Crystal, explains "people would always say 'ahhhh, she's so cute.' Then they would look at me and wouldn't say anything."

To deal with that kind of rudeness, "we try to give each of them a good self-image," says Mrs. Lightfoot.

And with three sets of twins — 17-year-old Christina and Crystal, four-year-old Angel and Ashley, and one-month-old Skekinah Glory and Precious Diamond—building self-esteem can sometimes be more than a notion.

▲ *Eleven-year-old Brandy takes time to read to twin sisters Angel and Ashley.*

"We try every day to spend time, even if it's no more than 10 minutes, with each of our girls to let them know they are special and important," says Mrs. Lightfoot.

That effort appears even more intensified when it comes to 11-year-old Brandy, Mrs. Lightfoot's only daughter without a twin.

"Sometimes she says she feels left out," says Pete Lightfoot, who is stepfather to Brandy and the 17-year-old twins. "But I want her to know that she's not left out. She's very important to this family."

It is clear that family is very important to the Lightfoots, who have been married six years. "I just thank God for all the girls because I realize children do come from God," says Mr. Lightfoot, who works as a security guard at a New Jersey middle school.

Not that the family hasn't had to make new accommodations, particularly with the two new arrivals. "There's been a lot of adjustments," says Mrs. Lightfoot, including the family's recent move into a new bi-level five bedroom house in Brighton, NJ.

But the Lightfoot girls have adapted well to their new surroundings and siblings. In fact, the most significant change has been with Mrs. Lightfoot, who says she no longer has the option of traveling alone.

"Someone has to be with me whenever I go out to help with the girls," relates Mrs. Lightfoot, who says she doesn't plan on having more children.

Although her husband "thanks God for my girls," deep in his heart he says he still wishes for one more baby: a boy.

"I really wanted a boy," confides Mr. Lightfoot.

For now, if Mrs. Lightfoot has her way, her husband's wish likely will remain just that: a wish.

"This is it," she says adamantly. "Even if I definitely knew it was a boy, I don't think I would do it again. It's a lot on the body having two babies [at a time.]"

But it's also a lot of love. Whenever the Lightfoots look at their seven girls, they remember that "good and perfect gifts come from above," says Mrs. Lightfoot. Her husband agrees. "I want people to know that this is a family that truly loves the Lord and serves him," he says.

–Richette L. Haywood
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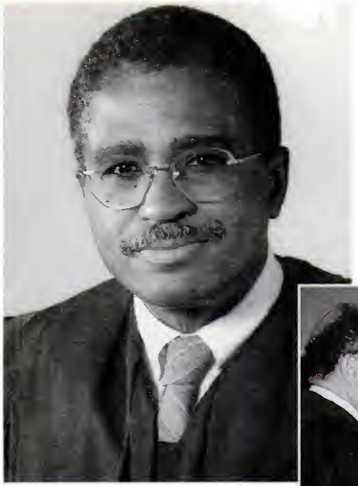


needs to be made. It's not just a problem in Alabama. It's the same all across the country."

Prior to his appointment, Cook served as a Circuit Court judge, District Court judge and Family Court judge. He and his wife, Charlsie Cook, have three children.

Justice Oscar W. Adams, (l) swears in Justice Cook, (r) as his wife, Charlsie, holds Bible and son Ralph looks on.

Ralph Cook Named To Alabama Supreme Court

Ralph D. Cook, a Birmingham judge, has been appointed a justice on the Supreme Court of Alabama.

Cook replaces retiring Justice Oscar Adams who was the first Black to be elected statewide in an election in Alabama. Cook is the second Black to be appointed to the state's highest court. His appointment is important, he says, because it signifies diversity. "It gives people the feeling that all segments of the community are represented," Cook told JET. "We're making progress in this area, but additional progress still

Police Arrest Man In Rash Of NAACP Fire Bombings

An 18-year-old White man has been arrested in connection with a string of firebombings that gutted the Sacramento, CA, NAACP offices and the offices of other minority groups.

Police said more arrests are expected in the firebombing attacks which police officials report began in July. The local NAACP office was firebombed July 27. A day earlier, a firebomb was discovered burning outside a synagogue.

NAACP officials commended police for their efforts.

▲ *Brosky (c) is led from a Galveston County courtroom after he was sentenced to four decades in prison in connection with murder of Donald Thomas.*

White Teen Skinhead Gets 40 Years For Killing A Black

A White teen-age skinhead who got probation for the drive-by murder of a Black man because of a misunderstanding by the jury drew 40 years in prison for a related offense in Galveston, TX.

Christopher Brosky, 19, was convicted by a trial jury on charges that he engaged in organized criminal activity in the 1991 shotgun slaying of Donald Thomas, a warehouse worker picked at random and gunned down on the street because he was Black. Brosky was riding in the car from which the shots were fired.

In March, an all-White jury convicted Brosky of murder but misunderstood the sentencing instructions and ordered five years in prison and 10 years' probation. The judge had to drop the prison term because that combination is not allowed in Texas.

That prompted a public outcry, a huge protest march and a second trial on a different set of charges that ended with a racially mixed jury handing Brosky 40 years in prison and a $5,000 fine.

"I feel right now justice has been done," said Thomas' widow Carolyn. "This is really hard for me because we're going through this a second time."

C. Eric Lincoln Cleared In Attempted Rape Charge

C. Eric Lincoln, one of the nation's foremost experts on Black culture and religion, was recently acquitted of sexually assaulting a Harvard University graduate student during a trial in Worcester, MA.

The 69-year-old Lincoln, however, was convicted of assault and battery in the Superior Court trial that began Nov. 4. Judge Charles J. Hely sentenced him to one year probation.

A Duke University professor emeritus, Lincoln was a visiting professor at Clark University in Worcester

when a 28-year-old Harvard graduate student charged he tried to rape her during a breakfast meeting at his apartment.

But medical testimony in court showed Lincoln suffers from diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, poor vision and hearing and impotence, making it virtually "impossible" for him to have sexually assaulted the woman, his attorneys said. R. Eugene Pincham, one of the counsels representing Lincoln, said they plan to appeal the jury's verdict.

Suspect Details Role In Murder Of James Jordan

One of the two men charged with killing James Jordan, father of retired Chicago Bulls superstar Michael Jordan, said he helped dispose of the body in a South Carolina creek but did not participate in the slaying.

Larry Demery, 18, in the first interview since his Aug. 15 arrest, told the High Point Enterprise that he's only guilty of being an accessory to James Jordan's July 23 death and should not face the death penalty for his part in the murder.

"The only time I touched the man was when we were throwing him over the bridge," Demery said.

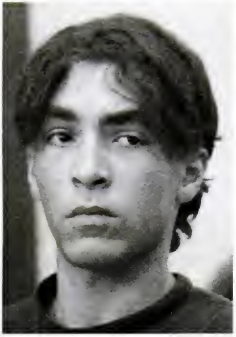
"At first, I guess I was just scared of saying anything. But now, I'm getting tired of the media and everybody making me sound like such a terrible person, which I'm not.

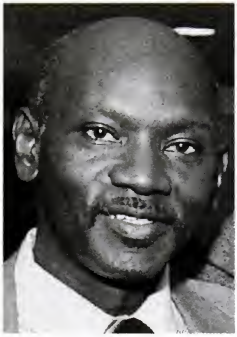
"With this James Jordan incident, I feel like I've been set up for some reason...I'm not capable of murdering somebody," Demery added.

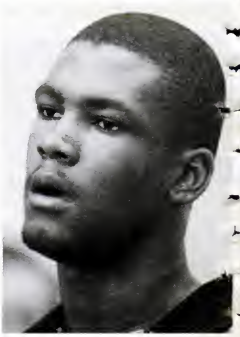
Demery noted that his 18-year-old co-defendant, Daniel Andre Green, acted with him in disposing of the body. But Demery did not say who killed Jordan, 56, father of the recently retired basketball star.

Green did not respond to a letter from the Enterprise requesting comment on the case.

▼ *Larry Demery (l) now claims he only helped dispose of James Jordan's body (c) and that Daniel Andre Green assisted in the act. Demery did not say who killed Mr. Jordan.*







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Cocktail Chitchat: In the nation's capital, recipients of the 1993 Pro Bono Equal Rights Awards were: pro bono attorneys **Phineas Indritz** and **J. Clay Smith, Jr.**, and the law firms of Latham and Watkins; and Powell, Goldstein, Frazer and Murphy. They were honored at an annual awards luncheon, sponsored by the Washington Committee of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. **Vi Curtis Hinton** coordinated the prestigious luncheon....**Dr. Harold T. Pinkett**, archivist/historian, and his wife, **Lucille**, of DC, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a memorable cruise to the Italian, French and Spanish Rivieras and the Canary and Madeira Islands, and visits also to Rome and Lisbon....At the Beautiful Laural View Country Club in Hamden, CT , 250 guests spent a delightful evening with the members of the New Haven Chapter of The Links, Inc., when they hosted their "Enchanted Evening" Scholarship and Community Service Projects fund-raiser. Recipients of the 1993 scholarships (all high school seniors) were **Tyfannie Mack**, **Nicole C. Black**, **Christopher Parks II**, **Matthew Davis**, **LaKeisha T. Alston** and **Michelle Augustine**. **Jean Downing**, chapter president, introduced the members. **Dorothy Gill** and **Freddie C. Massie** co-chaired the successful event. Link **Jean McAlpine's** birthday was celebrated as the guests sang *Happy Birthday* and shared the birthday cake donated by her husband .....Little Miss 5-year-old, **Yanée Sandidge** of Temple Hills, MD, was named Maryland's Favorite Sweetheart by America's Favorite Pageants. She won the talent and achievement categories, as well as being named the most poised, photogenic and beautiful. She is eagerly looking forward to participating in the national competition in Orlando, FL.

◀ **Candlelight Nuptials:** Drs. Paula Martin and Anthony Fletcher recently said "I do" at Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church in Washington, DC. The bride is an orthodontist. She earned a degree in dentistry from Howard Univ. Her husband earned a medical degree from the Univ. of Cincinnati and is a cardiologist with a clinic in Little Rock, AK. The bridegroom surprised his new wife with a honeymoon trip to beautiful Maui, Hawaii.

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Wedded Bliss: Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson wed recently at Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston. The bride, the former Regina Burney, is a Univ. of Houston grad. She's an accounting manager with a downtown law firm. Her husband is a Grambling State Univ. grad and is an emergency medical technician with the Houston Fire Department.

With This Ring: Julius Melton and bride, the former Theresa Thomas, were married recently in a double ring ceremony at First Baptist Church of Highland Park in Landover, MD. She is a promotions coordinator at FOX-TV in Washington, D.C. He is a sales consultant for Nordstrom's in Bethesda, MD. The Meltons cruised the Caribbean on their honeymoon.

Cheek To Cheek: Lisa Marion and Edward Hayward recently pledged their love to each other during nuptials at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Joplin, MO. The bride, has a bachelor's and master's degree from the Univ. of Miami, and is comptroller at South Shore Hospital in Miami Beach. Her husband earned degrees at Tenn. Technological University and St. Thomas Univ. in Miami. He is compliance coordinator at Florida International Univ. in Miami.

Donna Vance (l) captures The Rapture of Fashion style in Gianfranco Ferre's cashmere coat over leopard print blouse, white leather vest and black leather pants. Above, Debra Brown and Karl Williams are knockouts in navy blue and red wool ensembles by Claude Montana and Gianni Versace.

EBONY Fashion Fair's 'Rapture Of Fashion' Stirs Up Windy City

EBONY Fashion Fair's The Rapture of Fashion collection stirred up a whirlwind of excitement and thrills when it recently

EBONY Fashion Fair Producer-Director Eunice W. Johnson welcomes patrons. At right, Melissa Thomas dazzles in "Age of Innocence" beaded cocktail ensemble by Paco Rabanne.

swept through Chicago, dazzling fashion patrons during two shows.

The Windy City was set on its heels when the 36th annual EBONY Fashion Fair opened at the Arie Crown Theater with the flair and

Full-figured Kimberley Williams shimmies in beaded and sequinned gown from Claire's Collection and Bobbie Keplinger swirls in strapless gown with chiffon skirt by Bob Mackie.

Jekeither Fitzgerald is a hit in three-piece wool pants outfit with stole by Carolina Herrera; Joy Ray stays nice and dry with Paco Rabanne's jumpsuit under raincoat topped with hands-free umbrella; and Linda Nikki Perkins styles red cocktail dress with reversible coat from Genny, USA, Inc. of New York.

panache that has made it an annual event for many of those fashion devotees in attendance.

Sponsored by the Lois R. Lowe Women's Division of the local United Negro College Fund, proceeds from the gala will allow deserving students to pursue higher education at any one of the 43 UNCF historically Black colleges.

Rhonda Hudson turns heads in turquoise wool jacket with velvet cuffs and pockets and matching velvet pants by Oscar de la Renta. At right Elaine Rouse and Mondale Hackett are a dynamite duo. She's wearing Givenchy gown with velvet bodice and he's in a Gingiss of New York tuxedo.

The organization has raised more than $2 million over the past 36 years toward this noble cause. Many guests at the affair enjoyed a mouth-watering buffet courtesy of American Airlines and Johnson Publishing Company.

But the main bill of fare was The Rapture of Fashion, which brought together the best that international designers have to offer in a veritable fashion feast. Revealing and sensual creations by Paco Rabanne and Jean Louis Scherrer in chiffon and velvet that frame the body beautiful to make heads turn during any After 5 engagement.

For the business day, Givenchy and Christian Francis Roth are among the designers who serve up a tailored look that's sure to boost you to the top rung of the corporate ladder. Looking for the latest in lounge wear, sporty attire or play clothes?

EBONY Fashion Fair commentator Pamela Fernandez offers titillating commentary on show.

Check out Kemaro, Gianfranco Ferre, Claude Montana, Romeo Gigli or Mila Schon for top-notch designs in knit and leather in autumn hues.

If you think there's just no way you

Karl Williams and Mondale Hackett style in casual coordinated check ensembles by Gianni Versace. At right, Rhonda Hudson dazzles viewers in an alluring black jacket with red shearling collar worn over black skirt with deep side split by Claude Montana.

Mrs. Eunice W. Johnson congratulates door prize winner Marie Daniels (2nd, l), who was awarded a $250 E-Style gift certificate from Lisa Fung-Cap (l), Spiegel employee relations manager; and Linda Beck (r), Spiegel acquisition programs manager.

can afford these fabulous creations by world-famous designers, guess again. The show also includes fashions from the E-Style catalogue, a collaboration by EBONY and Spiegel. If you don't fit the mold, clothes from E-Style are especially proportioned for Black women and will fit you to a T.

EBONY Fashion Fair commentator Pamela Fernandez, a former member of the modeling troupe, has a knack for combining entertaining commentary that sets audiences at ease and adds zip to the show. Theodis Rodgers Jr., the show's musical director, set the tone of the show with his musical offerings.

Whatever your personal style and taste, The Rapture of Fashion has an assortment of textures, designs and colors that are mind-boggling. Witness the breathtaking fashions for yourself when EBONY Fashion Fair's The Rapture of Fashion comes to Middletown, Oh., Nov. 22; Springfield, Oh., Nov. 23; and Dayton, Nov. 26.

Michael Jackson, American Airlines/American Eagle account exec, presents tickets for two to door prize winner Emma Hopson (c) as Shirley Patterson, UNCF ticket chairperson, offers her best wishes. At right, Edwinna Cuyjet (r), benefit chairperson, expresses her gratitude to Louise Chester (l), who is the benefit's top ticket seller each year.

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Springfield, OH *Clark State Performing Arts Center*	**Tues., 11/23** *7 pm*
Dayton, OH *Dayton Convention Center*	**Fri., 11/26** *8 pm*
Indianapolis, IN *Indiana Convention Center*	**Sat., 11/27** *8 pm*
Louisville, KY *Louisville Memorial Auditorium*	**Sun., 11/28** *5 pm*
Lexington, KY *Continental Inn*	**Tues., 11/30** *8 pm*
Evansville, IN *Vanderburgh Auditorium*	**Wed., 12/1** *8 pm*
Carbondale, IL *Shryock Auditorium*	**Thurs., 12/2** *8 pm*
St. Louis, MO *Scottish Rite Auditorium*	**Sat., 12/4** *8 pm*
Kansas City, MO *Music Hall*	**Sun., 12/5** *6 pm*
Wichita, KS *Century II*	**Tues., 12/7** *8 pm*
Peoria, IL *Shrine Mosque*	**Thurs., 12/9** *8 pm*
Bradley, IL *Howard Johnson Lodge*	**Sat., 12/11** *8 pm*
Middleton, WI *Holiday Inn-Madison West*	**Sun., 12/12** *6 pm*

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words OF THE WEEK

Johnny Ford, mayor of Tuskegee, AL, noting the challenges facing Blacks at the "YMCA Conference on Serving African-American Communities" in Chicago: *"We are challenged to develop unity, leadership and coalition building. We must wage not a violent or unruly revolution, but a peaceful, sophisticated revolution....When given an opportunity to play on an even field, we always have proven we can do anything anyone else can do."*

Florence Griffith Joyner, Olympic track star and co-chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness, explaining in the Washington Post that everyone can learn how to stay fit and healthy: *"Everybody's not a health nut. Not everybody wants to be the size of a runway model–they just don't know what to do...I just want to get everybody into some kind of activity, even if it's walking with the kids or gardening."*

Martin Luther King III, former Fulton County (GA) commissioner, on the legacy of his late father, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.: *"I don't think that my contribution will ever be as significant as what my father was able to do. If I became president of the United States, I still don't believe that I could overshadow what he did....I may not ever make a national contribution. I've got to be the best Martin I can be–Martin theThird, I should say."*

Mike Espy, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture who has been the point man on the scene visiting flood victims in the Midwest, assisting people at food banks in the Bronx, NY, and much more, describing his personal hands-on approach to his challenging job: *"I just believe in the personal approach to knowing as much about the subject as possible, and not sitting behind a desk here, because all I can see is the Washington Monument."*

the week's best photo

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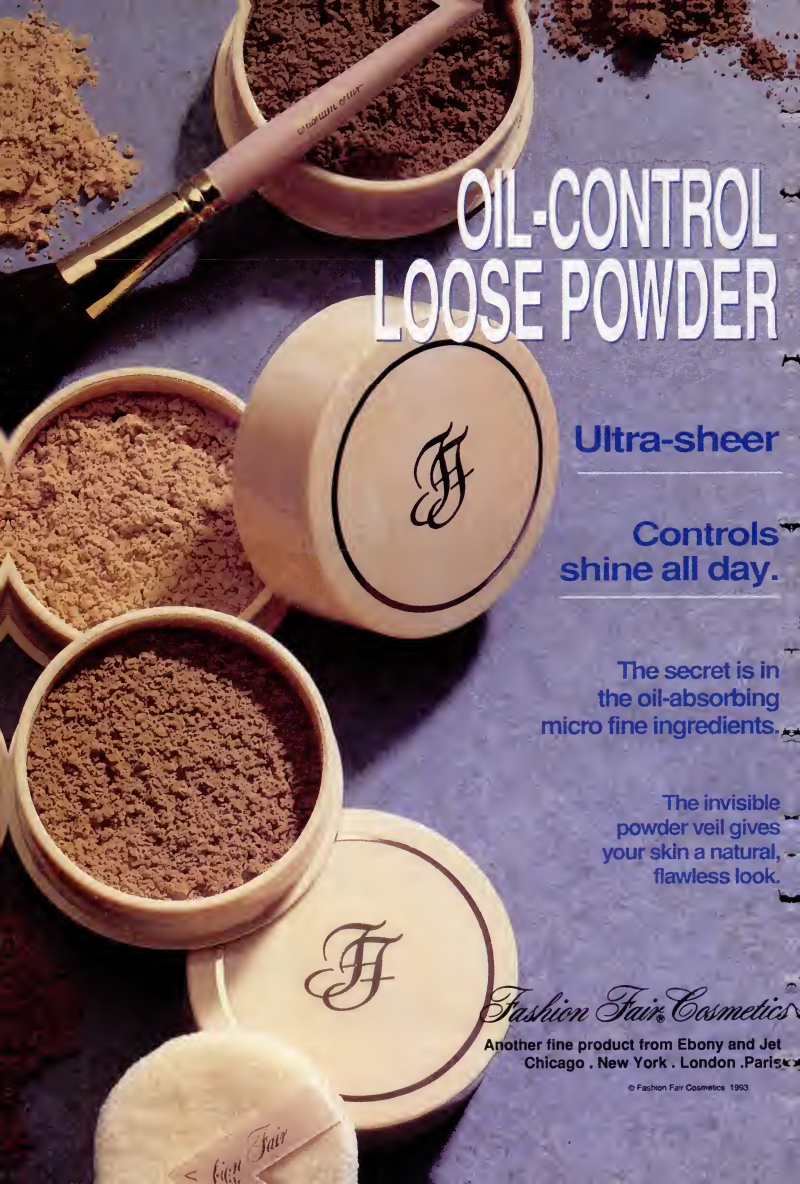
Presidential Greeting: President Bill Clinton warmly embraces Bishop Louis H. Ford, Church of God In Christ presiding bishop, after recently addressing 5,000 church members at the Mason Temple in Memphis, where they attended the church's annual convention.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RACIE TYLER
s from Los Angeles.
Born under the
astrological sign
Virgo, she enjoys
dancing, aerobics
and reading.

LaMonte McLemore

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Mmmmmm Good: Actor Danny Glover of *Lethal Weapon* fame showed his culinary skills recently when he whipped up spicy crab cakes at the 6th annual Gourmet Gala to aid the Greater New York March of Dimes at the Plaza Hotel in New York.

Associated Press

Welcome Back: Tuskegee, AL. Mayor Johnny Ford (c) hugs ex-Alabama ov. George Wallace as Lisman, AL. Mayor Anthony Butler looks on. Vallace revisited the recent National Conference of Black Mayors in uskegee, which he attended in 1973 when the group was established.

CAROLINA HOMECOMING: Basketball legend Michael Jordan is mobbed b Laney High School students during a surprise visit to his alma mater recently i Wilmington, N.C. Jordan, a 1981 graduate from the school, talked to more tha 1,000 cheering students in the high school gym.

Major Leagues To License Negro Leagues Memorabilia

Major League Baseball Properties recently announced it will introduce a way to give back to the men who toiled in the Negro Leagues.

The league revealed plans to introduce a pro bono Negro Leagues licensing program, contributing 100 percent of the proceeds from the sale of Negro Leagues merchandise to the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, the Jackie Robinson Foundation and to former Negro League players.

This logo will signify products licensed by Major League Baseball for the Negro Leagues.

Merchandise, including apparel, headgear, gifts and novelties, will be available nationwide in the spring of 1994.

"This is one of the best things that could happen for the Negro League players and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum," said Buck O'Neil, former Negro League great and chairman of the museum.

A number of Negro League ballplayers, such as James "Cool Pappa" Bell, Ted "Double-Duty" Radcliffe and Josh Gibson, never played Major League baseball but their sacrifices made it possible for Jackie Robinson to break the color barrier in 1947.

The sacrifices by Negro League greats made it possible for legendary major leaguers such as Willie Mays, Ernie Banks and Roy Campanella to flourish.

"We can never correct the injustices of the past, but we can educate today's fans and consumers about a significant era in American sports," noted Richard E. White, president of Major League Baseball Properties.

ALMOST 2,000 YARDS: Northern Illinois University tailback LeShon Johnson (42) side-steps away from University of Mississippi safety Johnny Dixon for a six-yard gain during a recent contest in Oxford, Miss. Johnson's bid to become only the fourth running back to rush for 2,000 yards fell short by 24 yards. Hampered by an injury most of the game, Johnson gained 59 yards as Ole Miss blanked NIU 44-0.

Nnenna Lynch, Rhodes Scholar Tops NCAA

Nnenna Lynch, a cross country and track champion at Villanova (Philadelphia) University, recently was named the 1993 NCAA Woman of the Year in Washington, DC.

Lynch, currently a Rhodes Scholar who graduated with a 3.91 grade point average and summa cum laude honors in May, participated on four consecutive NCAA National Championship cross country teams and won the 1992 NCAA Division I Outdoor Track title in the 3,000 meter race.

A charter member of Athletes Against Alcohol (AAA) and a Philadelphia soup kitchen volunteer, Lynch is a champion of youthful causes.

"My dream is to open a network of community and after-school centers for underprivileged youth. After school centers were instrumental in my life," Lynch noted.

Lynch is also a popular model who has appeared in Vogue and Glamour magazines as well as ads for The Gap.

Lynch was selected from nearly 500 entries which were reduced to 1(finalists. Two national panels com prised of sports celebrities selected th Woman of the Year.

▲ *Rhodes Scholar Lynch proudly displays honor at Woman of the Year banquet in DC before jetting back to Oxford, England.*

Bonds, Griffey Jr. Head List Of Gold Glove Winners

Defensive accolades were recently awarded to American and National League baseball players, with Barry Bonds and Ken Griffey Jr. leading the way.

Bonds, the NL Most Valuable Player (JET, Nov. 29), received his fourth consecutive gold glove for stellar defensive outfield play.

Griffey, 24, played exceptiona defense in centerfield for the Seattl Mariners in the AL West. Othe defensive notables, Clevelan Indians outfielder Kenny Lofton an Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Devo White round out the America League standouts. Montreal Expo outfielder Marquis Grissom com pletes the National League's defen sive specialists.

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Bill Simms On Board As NFL Investor In Carolina

Bill Simms

The Carolina Panthers, the NFL's expansion franchise located in Charlotte, recently added Charlotte insurance executive Bill Simms as a partner.

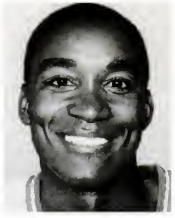
Simms, president of the Reinsurance Division of TransAmerica, is the minority investor that team owner Jerry Richardson promised to hire in his agreement with the NAACP (JET, July 19)

TransAmerica Reinsurance is the nation's leading life reinsurer with in force volume of $138 billion.

Simms also serves on the Board of Directors of NationsBank of North Carolina and the Arts and Science Council in Charlotte.

"First, this is a great group of partners I'm joining and I'm very excited to be associated with them," exclaimed Simms, an Indianapolis native. "They are very good people who are all committed to their community."

Thomas Punches Teammate Laimbeer, Breaks Hand



Isiah Thomas

Bill Laimbeer

Bad boys will be bad boys is perhaps the best way to describe how Detroit Pistons' team captain Isiah Thomas recently broke a bone in his right hand.

Thomas was angered when teammate Bill Laimbeer elbowed him in a scrimmage game and retaliated with a blow to Laimbeer's head. Thomas, who along with Laimbeer led a physical defensive team, known as the Bad Boys, to back-to-back championships in 1988 and 1989, will be out for at least six weeks.

"You're talking about two very good friends. If you're going to play aggressive, tempers will flare," coach Don Chaney told The Detroit News. "It's disappointing though."

Payton Remains Part Of NFL Expansion Investors

Although an investment partner has dropped out of the picture, legendary football player Walter Payton remains in the mix as a potential owner of a NFL expansion franchise in St. Louis.

Until the old partnership of Fran Murray, Jerry Clinton and Payton was dissolved, Payton was not free to associate with the new St. Louis group led by Stan Kroenke, according to his attorney, Bud Holmes.

Payton was a 10 percent partner. But Payton has no money of his own invested, only his name.

◀ **U.S. BOUND DUTCHMEN:** Flares explode in the background as Holland's Bryan Roy (l) and Jan Wouters celebrate after their team won its World Cup soccer qualifying match against Poland in Poznan. Holland won the match 3-1 to qualify for next year's World Cup Finals in the United States, beginning with opening ceremonies on June 17, 1994 at Soldier Field in Chicago. Other qualifying countries include Cameroon, Nigeria, Morrocco, Saudi Arabia, and the U.S.

Joe Morgan Settles 5-Year Lawsuit Against City Of L.A.

Former baseball great Joe Morgan recently settled his five-year lawsuit against the city of Los Angeles and is set to receive almost $800,000 for being roughed up by police officers.

Morgan, a Baseball Hall of Famer who played with the Cincinnati Reds and is now a sportscaster, contended all along that he was harassed because he is Black. The incident in question occurred at the Los Angeles International Airport in 1988 when police and drug enforcement agents claimed they tried to question Morgan while looking for a drug suspect. Morgan stated that he tried to identify himself but was still grabbed and pushed down to the floor.

His settlement includes the $461,000 he was awarded in federal court two years ago as well as $335,000 in punitive damages that the Los Angeles City Council agreed to pay to settle the case. City officials told the L.A. Times that they wanted "to cut our losses, because this could be a couple more years in the courts and cost thousands of dollars more if we tried to appeal."

Bulls Honor Jordan's Contract Pay Him $4 Mil.

Chicago Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf reportedly has paid retired superstar Michael Jordan the $4 million he would have received this season had he not retired.

There was no official comment from the club, but Jordan reportedly will also receive the remaining $11.7 million of his deal. Jordan, who announced his retirement in October (JET, Oct. 25), was expected to earn $3.85 million for the two remaining years of his contract.

The Chicago Sun-Times quotes a source close to the team that detailed the Bulls' decision to pay Jordan $4 million and reported that Jordan was "stunned and delighted to receive it."

Sculptor Glenna Goodacre of Santa Fe, NM unveils her bronze Vietnam Women's Memorial during emotional dedication ceremony held recently in Washington, DC.

Female Veterans Of Vietnam Get Memorial In DC

The recognition came to these devoted military women late, but many of them were overjoyed that it finally came.

Twenty years after the end of the Vietnam War, women who served in one of this country's most controversial conflicts were honored during the dedication of the Vietnam Women's Memorial.

Doris Allen wipes her eyes during the ceremony. Allen served with the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion in Vietnam.The Memorial honors Allen's and other women's efforts in Vietnam during the war.

An estimated crowd of 25,000 people–many of them Vietnam veterans –gathered at the dedication site to witness the heart-rendering unveiling ceremony of the sculpture depicting three American nurses and a wounded soldier.

"It is pure in its presence and intentions and represents an honor for each and all of us," said Harry G. Robinson III, dean of the Howard University School of Architecture.

The sculpture, located near the Vietnam Memorial Wall, is the first of its kind in nation.

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MICHAEL JACKSON

Tries To Keep Career From Crumbling As He Fights Addiction To Painkiller Drugs And Charges Of Child Molestation

As charges and wild rumors continue to fly, megastar Michael Jackson finds himself fighting to keep his career from crumbling while now battling an addiction to pain-killing drugs.

In spite of the tremendous adversity that surrounds him, there has been a constant in Michael Jackson's life and that is unwavering fan support.

While the various media organizations around the world speculate about why he abruptly ended his world tour and accuse him of fleeing prosecution, fans continue to voice their support of Jackson and outrage for what they see as a biased media, more eager to probe the star's private life than praise his peerless public performances. Recently, groups of fans have been gathering around his star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, placing flowers on it, and polishing it. Audrey Ruttan, a Michael Jackson look-alike as well as a magician and clown, put out long reams of paper on the sidewalk for fans to sign their names to demonstrate eager support. Hundreds did so before she ran out of paper.

"It's just outrageous the way

▲ *In 1984, Michael Jackson's hair is ablaze and apparently he and his brother, Jermaine, are unaware of it as they film a Pepsi TV commercial. He began taking painkillers and became addicted, he says.*

they're treating him," an Israeli fan told JET.

The charges have had no adverse effect on attendance at Jackson's "Dangerous" tour. Officials with Jackson's office told JET that his five shows in Mexico City attracted 500,000 fans and his album sales increased 500 percent in Mexico during his trip to that country.

"All dates were sold out," beamed Bob Jones, vice president of communications for Jackson. "Wherever he appeared, there were record crowds. There were 240,000 for three shows in Buenos Aires, Argentina; 160,000 for two shows in Sao Paulo, Brazil and 85,000 for one show in Santiago, Chile. The recording star's current best-selling album, **Dangerous,** with the tour has outsold the **Bad** album."

His attorneys, Bertram Field and Howard Weitzman, told the reporters at a Los Angeles press conference that Jackson has always "hated and fought against drug use but now is addicted to pain killers."

Field reminds reporters that in 1984 the sensitive singer badly burned himself while filming a Pepsi commercial. Several months ago, he underwent surgery to correct that condition.

"The pain was enormous," Field

On Hollywood's Walk of Fame, Audrey Ruttan, a Jackson look-alike, passed out reams of paper for fans to sign their names to support of singer. ▶

▲ *Determined to continue his humanitarian work, the singer greets children in Bangkok, where his world tour kicked off.*

grimaced. He added that following the allegations that Jackson molested a 13-year-old and the ensuing uproar over that, he "gradually began to take more and more, not only for his body but for his heart and mind. His dear friend Elizabeth Taylor flew down to Mexico City and convinced him to seek professional help. He canceled the tour and placed himself in professional hands to care for him.

▼ *Longtime friend, Elizabeth Taylor, who presented Jackson a special American Music Award, rushed to support him .*

The exact location of the facility where Jackson is seeking professional help has remained undisclosed to prevent the press from bombarding him. Field said he expects his client to remain at the clinic for between six and eight weeks.

The news media representatives were told that he is not fleeing any charges as not one has been filed. Jackson, he said, does not want to address the boy's civil complaint against him until the criminal investigation by the District Attorney's office has been completed.

Reporters speculated openly on television and radio programs that Jackson had an ulterior motive for

▲ *Upon arriving overseas to support Jackson in face of molestation charges, Mrs. Katherine Jackson speaks to press. She is accompanied by her husband Joseph and son, Jermaine.*

not returning to the country despite constant assurances from the attorneys that there is no reason to flee.

The lawyers were asked about rumors that Jackson's genitals have a distinct discoloration disorder because he has Vitiligo, which destroys the pigmentation in his skin. The boy claims to have seen the genitals and a strip-search of Jackson could be ordered. This provoked gossip that he fled to Europe to have it taken care of so that it would not be revealed in a strip-search. Weitzman exclaimed: "You gotta be kidding!" He said he had not heard any such story. Neither had he heard about a nude photo being seized when police searched the Jackson family home in L.A.

"If Mr. Jackson wanted any excuse to stay out of the United States, he could have stayed on the tour," Field said. "He has no intention of avoiding the United States."

The L.A. Times reported that Field fired off a letter to L.A. Police Chief Willie Williams that said: "Your officers have told frightened youngsters outrageous lies, such as, 'We have nude photos of you,' to push them into making accusations against Mr. Jackson. There are, of course, no such photos of these youngsters, and they have no truthful accusations to make. But your officers appear ready to employ any device to generate potential evidence against Mr. Jackson."

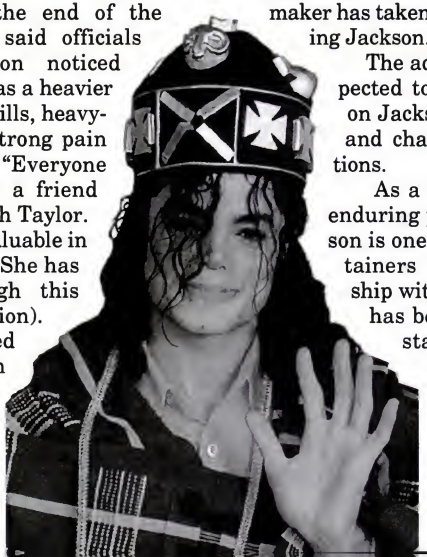
Williams' only response was that he was satisfied with the investigation of his officers.

Jackson's decision to cancel such a mega-tour is expected to cost into the millions of dollars. Field said it is enormously expensive. "It will cost millions but his health comes first." Costs and liability will be deter-

▲ *In February 1992, Jackson was crowned "King of Sani" by Amon N'Djafok, traditional tribal chief of Krindjabo kingdom in Ivory Coast near Ghana. The crown (below) is made of pure gold.* ▼

mined at a later date, he said.

Toward the end of the tour, Field said officials with Jackson noticed that there was a heavier reliance on pills, heavy-duty, very strong pain killer. "Everyone should have a friend like Elizabeth Taylor. She was invaluable in the process. She has been through this (drug addiction). She helped Mr. Jackson see the problem and try to correct it."



Both attorneys say that Jackson is barely able to function intellectually because of the drug addition. Still he gave a deposition to an attorney in a copyright lawsuit regarding **Thriller**. Field said the singer only did that deposition because the case is coming to trial very shortly and there couldn't be any more delays. Jackson had to take numerous breaks during the seven-hour deposition, Field said.

Sony Music, the label for which Jackson records, issued a statement stressing their "unwavering and unconditional" support for him. Pepsi, which had earlier issued a statement indicating that their relationship with Jackson was ending with the tour's termination, sent out another statement that Field read suggesting that the soft drink maker has taken no action regarding Jackson.

The adversity is not expected to have any effect on Jackson's foundations and charitable organizations.

As a testament to his enduring popularity, Jackson is one of the few entertainers whose relationship with fans worldwide has been able to withstand an incredible barrage of negative press reports. Fans continue to voice support and

demand fairness from the media as well as buy albums and request his songs on radio stations.

In the Kingdom of Krindjabo, where the "King of Pop, Rock and Soul" was crowned an honorary king while Black History Month was being celebrated in America, citizens of the West African nation, the villagers are anxious for him to again visit the land of his ancestors. He was told then that he was on the land as the "prodigal child of the Bible."

–Aldore Collier

This Week In Black History

December 1, 1964

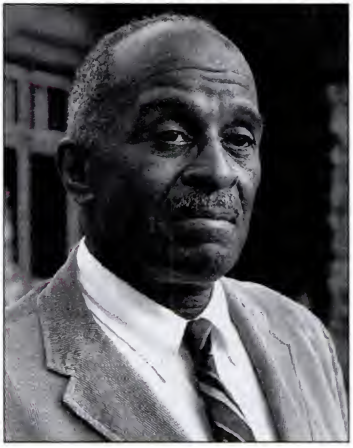
The first Black to preside over the General Assembly of the United Nations was **ALEX QUAISON-SACKEY** of Ghana. His term of office ran from December 1, 1964 through September 1, 1965. Quaison-Sackey was a diplomatic trouble-shooter for former Ghanaian President Kwame Nkrumah. Upon assuming the presidency of the General Assembly, Quaison Sackey announced that he "intended to be impartial and guided by the sense of the Assembly."

December 3, 1942

J. SAUNDERS REDDING, author of *No Day of Triumph*, was awarded the Mayflower Cup by the North Carolina Society of Mayflower descendants for the best book written by a resident of the state. He was the first Black to win this award.

December 6, 1869

The first Black labor organization in America, the Colored National Labor Union met in Washington, D.C. The delegates consisted of the Caulker's Trade Union Society, the Colored Engineers Association, and other labor representatives.



SEXY WEREWOLVES: Actors Mario Van Peebles and Patsy Kensit star in the HBO movie Full Eclipse, an offbeat movie about policemen who turn into werewolves to fight crime. The uniqueness of the role attracted the accomplished actor-director to the film.

SHOWSTOPPING PERFORMANCE Actress Pam Grier, who won fame in the 70s with such films as Coffy, Sheba Baby, Foxy Brown , and Scream Blacula Scream is currently winning rave reviews for her performance with actor Jack Landron in the romantic comedy TellTale Hearts, at the Crossroads Theatre Company in New Brunswick NJ. Ms. Grier and Landron star as two single New Yorkers looking for love in the play, written by Joe Barnes.The comedy runs through Dec. 19.

TALKING FUN POLITICS: Virginia Gov L. Douglas Wilder chats with Gov.-elect George Allen before a recent press conference in Manassas, VA, where plans were unveiled for a new Walt Disney Co., theme park. The novel amusement park, which would be built in Haymarket, VA, will allow visitors to relive great moments in history on a 100-acre site in the hills of the Civil War battlefield community.

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Tony Toni Tone (Merucury)
5. **DA BOMB**
Kris Kross (Columbia)
6. **THE WORLD IS YOURS**
Scarface (Rap-A-Lot)
7. **BACK TO BASICS**
Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly (Warner Bros.)
8. **LOVE DELUXE**
Sade (Epic)
9. **HUMMIN'COMIN' AT CHA'**
Xscape (Columbia)
10. **MUSIC BOX**
Mariah Corey (Columbia)
11. **BRIAN MCKNIGHT**
Brian McKnight (Mercury)
12. **NEVER LET ME GO**
Luther Vandross (LV/Epic)
13. **MARTIN LAWRENCE LIVE**
Martin Lawrence (Eastwest)
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Teddy Pendergrass (Elektra)
15. **HEARTBREAKER**
O'Jays (EMI)
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Salt-N-Pepa (Next Plateau)
6. **SEX ME**
R. Kelly (Jive)
7. **NEVER SHOULD'VE LET YOU GO**
Hi-Five (Jive)
8. **COME INSIDE**
Intro (Atlantic)
9. **CAN WE TALK**
Tevin Campbell (Warner Bros.)
10. **UP ON THE ROOF**
II D Extreme (Gasoline Alley)
11. **RIGHT HERE/HUMAN NATURE**
SWV (RCA)
12. **NEVER KEEPING SECRETS**
Babyface (Epic)
13. **HEY MR. D.J.**
Zhane'(Flavor Unit)
14. **DREAMLOVER**
Mariah Carey (Columbia)
15. **SOMETHING IN YOUR EYES**
Bell Biv DeVoe (MCA)
16. **ALRIGHT**
Kris Kross (Columbia)
17. **LAID BACK GIRL**
Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly (Warner Bros.)
18. **VERY SPECIAL**
Big Daddy Kane (Cold Chillin')
19. **RUNAWAY LOVE**
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television

Child star Raven-Symone talks about her role on TV's "Hangin' With Mr. Cooper," on "Showcase".

Raven-Symone Highlights "Showcase"

Child-star **Raven-Symone**, singer **Vesta** and hit-making music group **Tony Toni Tone**' all star on a fun-filled **"Ebony/ Jet Showcase,"** on-location from California's Magic Mountain (Friday, December 3 through Sunday, December 5 check your local listing for date and time in your city). Others scheduled to appear on television this week include: **Reginald VelJohnson/JoMarie PaytonFrance/Telma Hopkins/ Bryton McClure/Rosetta LeNoire/ Jaime Foxworth/Jaleel White/Darius McCrary/Kellie Shanygne Williams** on **"Family Matters,"** (Friday, December 3 at 8 p.m., ET) on ABC.

George Foreman/Sheryl Lee Ralph on **"George,"** (Saturday, December 4 at 8 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Doug E Doug/Shaun Baker/Jason Bose Smith/Lorraine Toussaint/Flex/Yunoka Doyle/Sullivan Walker on **"Where I Live,"** (Saturday, December 4 at 8:30 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Esther Rolle in **To Dance With A White Dog**, (Sunday, December 5 at 9 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Don Franklin on **"SeaQuest DSV,"** (Sunday, December 5 at 8 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Will Smith/Karyn Parsons/Daphne Maxwell Reid/Alfonso Ribeiro/James Avery/Joseph Marcell/Tatyana Ali on **"Fresh Prince of BelAir,"** (Monday, December 6 at 8 p.m.,ET) on NBC.

Eddie Murphy in **Another 48 Hours**,(Tuesday, December 7 at 9 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Darryl "Chill" Mitchell on **"The John Larroquette Show,"** (Tuesday, December 7 at 9 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Thea Vidale/Adam Jefferies/Jason Weaver/Brenden Jefferson/ Brandy Norwood on **"Thea,"** (Wednesday, December 8 at 8 p.m., ET) on ABC.

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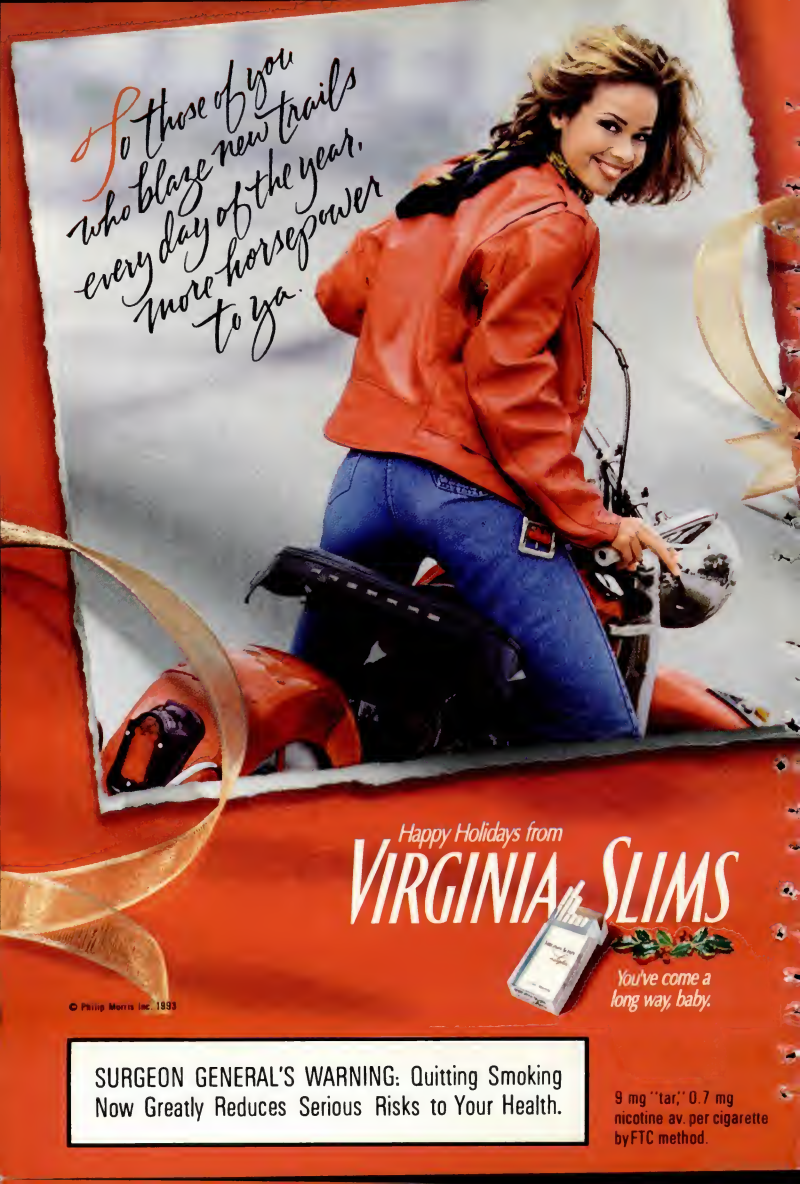
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